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SUBJECT: JAPANESE POSITION ON ANGOLA

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SUMMARY: GOJ IS MOST UNLIKELY TO RECOGNIZE ANY ANGOLAN
"GOVERNMENT" NOT CLEARLY DOMINANT THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.
JAPANESE ARE KEEPING CAREFUL EYE ON ANGOLAN SITUATION
AND HOPE NEIGHBORING ZAIRE WILL NOT BE DRAWN IN. MOFA
AFRICA DIVDIR DOUBTS ANY ONE LIBERATION MOVEMENT CAN
QUELL OTHER TWO AND SEES NO EARLY RESOLUTION OF STRUGGLE.
END SUMMARY.

1. MOFA ON EVENING NOV 12 ISSUED STATEMENT HEARTILY
WELCOMING PORTUGAL'S DECLARATION OF ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE
AND EXPRESSING HOPE FOR EARLY TERMINATION OF ARMED
CONFLICT AMONG THE SEVERAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THERE.
FONOFF SPOKESMAN FURTHER BRIEFED PRESS THAT GOJ WILL
MAKE DECISION ON RECOGNITION ONLY "AFTER CAREFUL STUDY
OF THE EVOLVING SITUATION." (ASAHI)

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2. IN CALL ON MOFA AFRICA DIVDIR KOBAYASHI PER

INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL NOV 13, EMBOFF EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH GOJ POLICY AS REPORTED AND ASKED KUROKOCHI TO ELABORATE ON CONSIDERATIONS BEHIND IT. KUROKOCHI SAID THAT THOUGH CONSIDERATION OF ANGOLA'S IMPORTANCE AS RAW MATERIALS SUPPLIER AND HOPE THAT JAPAN MIGHT marginally INFLUENCE OUTSIDE PARTIES TO RESTRAIN THEIR INVOLVEMENT HAD LED FONOFF TO REVERSE EARLIER DECISION NOT TO COMMENT ON ANGOLAN SITUATION, GOJ MOST UNLIKELY TO RECOGNIZE ANY "GOVERNMENT" NOT CLEARLY DOMINANT THROUGHOUT ANGOLA.

3. JAPAN HAS SOME ECONOMIC INTEREST IN ANGOLA ITSELF, BUT GOJ'S GREATEST FEAR AT THIS POINT IS THAT ZAIRE, LOCUS OF JAPAN'S LARGEST AFRICAN INTERESTS, MIGHT GET DEEPLY INVOLVED, WITH DESTABILIZING CONSEQUENCES FOR ZAIRE. GOJ THUS HOPES THAT OAU, IF IT CANNOT BRING ANGOLAN PARTIES TOGETHER, CAN AT LEAST RESTRAIN MEMBER STATES FROM EXACERBATING CONFLICT. KUROKOCHI THINKS NO MORE THAN TEN AFRICAN STATES LIKELY TO RECOGNIZE MPLA GOVERNMENT. HE DISCOUNTED POSSIBILITY THAT ZAMBIA, DEPENDENT ON COPPER EXPORTS THROUGH LOBITO, WOULD GET INVOLVED. HE NOTED THAT KAUNDA HAD EXPRESSED TO MPLA REPS ZAMBIAN DETERMINATION TO REMAIN ABSOLUTELY NEUTRAL.

4. KUROKOCHI SEES NO EARLY ALLEVIATION OF ANGOLA'S MISERY. THOUGH HE THINKS UNITA POTENTIALLY THE STRONGEST, HE DOUBTS THAT ANY ONE LIBERATION MOVEMENT CAN QUELL THE OTHER TWO. HE SAYS HE EXPECTS THAT FNLA-UNITA DEFEAT OF MPLA WOULD SIMPLY BE PRELUDE TO A FNLA VS. UNITA PLAYOFF. HE CALLED HEAVY SOVIET INVOLVEMENT INCOMPREHENSIBLE.

5. AT MOST, FOUR JAPANESE CITIZENS, ALL PRESS, REMAIN IN ANGOLA. AN ASAHI REPORTER IS IN THE FNLA ZONE AND THREE COMMERCIAL TV STAFFERS MAY BE IN LUANDA.

6. KUROKOCHI NOTED CLOSING OF US CONSULATE IN LUANDA AND ASKED HOW WE PLANNED TO KEEP ABREAST OF SITUATION. EMBOFF SAID HE EXPECTED KINSHASA WOULD BE OUR MAIN LISTENING POST AND OBSERVED THAT JAPANESE SOURCES OF CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMATION IN SOME AFRICAN STATES MAY BE BETTER THAN OURS. EMBOFF AND KUROKOCHI AGREED TO COMPARE NOTES PERIODICALLY.

7. COMMENT: OCCASIONAL SITREPS, LIKE REF B, JUST RECEIVED, WILL BE MOST USEFUL TO EMBASSY IN CONVERSATIONS WITH FONOFF. FOR MOMENT, OUR ASSESSMENTS OF MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC SITUATION APPEAR FULLY CONGRUENT. END

COMMENT.
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